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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449.

These references are relevant because they are cited in the International Search Report for this application.

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Applicants do include an English language counterpart of a non-English reference, as follows:

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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